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Dear Mr. Petalas:

Re: MUR 6547

I am writing to request that the Commission dismiss the above-referenced Matter Under Review without any finding of violation or penalty to the Committee. Amended reports have been filed and procedures have been implemented to ensure that future campaign finance reports are accurately and timely filed.

2011 was a year of transition for the Virginia 10th Congressional District Republican Committee due to the prolonged illness and subsequent death of our then Treasurer, Charles Proctor in July. A new treasurer was appointed. Then Thomas Whitmore, a member of the Committee, became concerned about the Committee's financial reporting and filed a complaint alleging violation of federal campaign finance regulations in April 2012, resulting in MUR 6547.

Immediately subsequent to receiving notification that a complaint had been filed with the FEC, the Committee, in an effort to perform its due diligence, established an Internal Budget and Finance Committee of which I was named chairman. The other Committee members included:

Thomas Reed, Vice Chairman
John Whitbeck, Esq., 10th District Chairman
The Honorable Shak Hill, 10th District Treasurer
Mary Gail Swenson, Member, State Central Committee
Mary Campbell, Tenth District Fairfax County Representative
The Honorable Marianne Horiako, Member
Charles King, Esq., Member
Matthew Leads, Member

The Committee held several meetings and reviewed campaign finance reports filed by the Committee back to January 2011. All bank statements were reviewed, as well as reports of all incoming donations, and outgoing expenditures for the same period. Reports for prior reporting periods were reviewed and amended reports were filed when discrepancies were discovered. This examination by the Budget and Finance Committee found that there was no misappropriation of funds or missing funds. The Committee also issued a report, which is available on request, to the Virginia 10th Congressional District Republican Committee, that concluded that the complainant's allegations were inaccurate and that the Committee is and has been in full compliance with FEC requirements.

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To ensure that future reports are correct, the Committee has engaged a campaign finance compliance consultant and instituted internal procedures to ensure that all financial activity is properly and accurately filed on the required financial reports. I recognize the important role that the FEC plays in ensuring our federal election integrity but I wanted to provide you with a summary of our internal review to help bring this matter to a close. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the committee, the committee members, or the committee report. I can be reached at (703) 728-3610.

Respectfully submitted,



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Virginia 10th Congressional District Republican Committee

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